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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

January 3, NAMO, British steamer, 863, J. E. Pinchot, Poohow 30th Dec., Amy 1st January, Swatow 2nd, General and Treasure—D. LAPRAIK & Co.

January 3, FENGO-SUAN, Chinese steamer, 363, Andrew, Shanghai 30th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

January 3, GEORGIA, British bark, 312, E. C. Whampoo 31st Dec., Wm. P. STANFORD & Co.

January 3, HINDOSTAN, British steamer, 291, Gardner, Calcutta 16th Dec., Peony 23rd, Singapore 26th, General—D. SASOON, Sons & Co.

January 3, GLENFALLOCH, British steamer, 1360, Taylor, Singapore 27th Dec., General—JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

January 3, NIMROD, H. Clark, British bark, 693, Chefoo 22nd Dec., General—Order.

### CLEARANCES.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, JANUARY 3RD.

Rajahsahib, British sloop, for Shanghai, Chinkiang, British steamer, for Shanghai, Achille, British steamer, for Shanghai, Yutong, British steamer, for Holloway, Golden Horn, British steamer, for Saigon, Khedive, British bark, for Manila, Hecumenus, German bark, for Keelung.

### DEPARTURES.

January 3, HUCHUNG, Chi. sloop, for Canton.

January 3, CANTOS, German bark, for Manila.

January 3, ATALONA, German steamer, for Shanghai, to conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

January 3, MALVINA, German bark, for Singapore.

January 3, MIRABEAU, British sloop, for Yokohama.

January 3, TEHRAH, British sloop, for Singa-  
pore.

January 3, ESMERALDA, British steamer, for Manila.

January 3, BEELA, German bark, for Quin-  
hoe.

January 3, FRIEDRICH PERKINS, German  
sail, for Takao.

January 3, NOEMA, British steamer, for Swa-  
tow.

January 3, RASAVATIKAULI, British steamer,  
for Shanghai.

January 3, MELLOUS, British steamer, for  
Shanghai, Settembrini, and London.

January 3, CHINNOVO, British steamer, for  
Shanghai.

January 3, GOLDEN HORN, British steamer,  
for Saigon.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per NAMO, sloop, from East Coast  
of America, and 100 Chinese.

Per FANG-CHIEN, sloop, from Shanghai, 1st  
December and 40 Chinese.

Per Glenfalloch, sloop, from Singapore—  
Messrs. E. H. Hyatt, and W. H. Rose.

Per Hindostan, sloop, from Calcutta, &c.

Mrs. Gardner, Miss M. Allen, and servant  
Misses Innes, Chanc, Falney, G. Khan, three  
natives, and 240 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Yutong, sloop, for Holloway—  
20 Chinese.

### DEPARTED.

Per Rajahsahib, sloop, for Shanghai—  
16 Chinese.

Per Chinkiang, sloop, for Shanghai—  
12 Chinese.

Per Golden Horn, sloop, for Saigon—  
200 Chinese.

### REPORTS.

The British steamer *Glenfalloch* reports left  
Singapore on the 26th December, and had to lay  
weather.

The Chinese steamer *Fang-chien* reports left  
Shanghai on the 30th December, and had to lay  
weather.

The British steamer *Namoa* reports left  
Singapore on the 2nd December, and had to lay  
weather.

The British steamer *Hindostan* reports left  
Calcutta 15th December, and had to lay  
weather.

The British steamer *Malvina* reports left  
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## EXTRACTS.

## REMEMBRANCE.

WE POKER FACTS.

And hast thou ever loved in truth?  
Whether it brought the joy or ruin?  
O hold the sweet remembrance fast.  
Within thy heart, while life shall last!

Give it as that this is not best,  
A cherished place within thy breast;  
Even as a loved one's grave is spread  
With flowers in memory of the dead.

And every greeting thou hast sent,  
And every kiss upon thy cheek,  
O guard the parting bitter smart,  
O guard the secret in thy heart!

So that, when years have come and gone,  
And angels freeze and make the cold,  
Then, with the bliss of vanished hours,  
May it still refresh thy falling powers.

And, as the faded wine shrinks,  
Still linger in its early shrine,  
So shall sweet meads round these trees,  
And make thy wasted heart-beats strong.

The rose, perfume, will fade at night;  
Earth's glories pass away with light;  
But that which thou let'st go heart alone  
Shall give thee balm when life is gone.

English Echoes of Germany, Edited by N. J. Turner.

## WAGNER'S THEATRE AT BAYREUTH.

Of architectural beauty the exterior has not whatever. The object was utility, and this gained; nothing beyond was sought. In time to come, perhaps, when funds are plentiful, the artist as well as the builder will have to do with the place, and succeed in making it less of a disappointment than it is now.

As with the exterior, so elsewhere. On entering the auditorium, one sees a perfectly plain room, suggesting a college-lecture hall on a large scale. It is in the form of a parallelogram, the stage occupying the centre of one of the long sides; the side opposite being devoted to a gallery for distinguished visitors (called the Prince's Gallery); having another for less remarkable people above. The area seats rise far above the brink of the space occupied by the orchestra to the level of the Prince's Gallery, so that every seat faces the stage, and commands a full view of it. As the seats spread out like a fan from below upwards, it is obvious that there must be a large vacant space along the shorter sides, in the innermost. Two pairs of brightly-polished boxes stand beside his however, broken by a division into bays separated by Corinthian columns supporting entablatures. Over these entablatures and around the pillars are placed the gas lamps—few in number, because during the performances the houses are kept in darkness save for the light reflected from the stage. As the reef is low, and the distance from the stage to the opposite side not great, one is struck on entering with the apparent smallness of the place. In a little while, however, the width of audience asserts itself, and it is possible to believe in the accommodation of some 1,500 people. Regarding the arrangements behind the curtain, I cannot speak, but the working of the stage at the rehearsal on Wednesday night was so perfect that reports of admirable ingenuity may be credited without reserve. The rapidity, silence, and smoothness with which the various changes were made contrasted most favourably with the up-and-downness which the spectators are so often called upon to notice, while the absence from view of all such executive machinery as orchestra, prompter, and footlights, made the drama intensely real to the audience, who seemed indeed to be "assisting" at it in a very forcible sense of the term—*"Letters from Bayreuth,"* by J. Bennett.

## DIARY OF THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR.

The Chinese Government has lately printed in Peking the first portion of the diary of the Chinese Ambassador, which commences with his starting from Shanghai, and ends with his arrival at Southampton. We give an abstract of this journal, in which there is enough to show him to be a man of shrewdness and intelligence, as we have all found him to be since his arrival in England, and also a man for much courtesy and good nature. The reports sent home by himself and his staff will not be read with avidity in China. In Ceylon a house with upper storeys was shown the ambassador, and it was said that it formerly belonged to a rajah, and was used as his palace. It had been sold to a merchant. The envoy asked "Why?" The answer was, "because the rajah was poor." The envoy asked again, "Why did the rajah live among the people in a house like one of theirs?" The answer was that the English possessed the country, and ruled it by their officers, so that the rajah had no authority to decide to live just where he pleased. "And where is he now?" he again asked. The answer was, "I do not know." The traveler's remarks on this conversation are worthy of note. It was a new thing in his experience that a vanquished prince should have been living.

Why was not the rajah put to death? His attempts to explain this anomaly by saying that the western nations when they conquer foreign countries, do not put them to death. They commit designs, and carry them out of the force of skillful diplomacy. Then when they have obtained what is most valuable things are safely led up in bags and bundles, they are satisfied, and feel under no necessity to destroy the royal families of countries in order to conquer them. It is not their custom to use military force alone in subduing kingdoms and provinces. This, we see, is a novel method of conquering, unexampled in all antiquity. Russia has extended her territories along the desert of Gobi, on its extreme edge, to the Amoor, and now possesses the whole of the land to the east and north of that river. The Russians know one of her neighbours, England, in the extreme west, having the Mediterranean Sea as a path of communication, has taken possession of India and has acquired all the wealth of the Southern Sea (south of Asia). Founding a colony in Hongkong, she has placed there a strong military force to retain it in security. As to territory and as to strength, these two countries may be called the mighty powers which press China on all sides, and are of the watch, with arm raised high and foot stretched out far, like the eagle in its flight and like the tiger in its glance, eagerly waiting the opportunity to extend the limits of their wealth and power. And they do not sent armies and use violence only with a view to plunder. In entering on a war with China, they will strike deeply, hold strongly to right, discuss perseveringly, carefully investigate, and then act. Is that a time for China to be beautiful and arrogant? From this journal it is plain that the Chinese Ambassador now in England, Kwai-sung-tung, formerly governor of the province of Canton, has a mind very open to receive new facts from the most various departments of knowledge. He is well read in history, and is in favour of a peaceful policy as that which will be most for the good of his country. The liberality of his views in the result of the revolution of his mind. His appetite for knowledge is exceptionally great, and it helps him to be judgmental of things and persons.

On the result of his residence in Europe, that his published narrative will do much to open the eyes of his countrymen to the state of things in the Western world. Leisure Hour.

## A REPUBLICAN CHIEF AT HOME.

M. Grévy is one of the best chess and billiard players in France. He still frequents the Café de la République, opposite the Théâtre Francais, where he may often be seen after midnight, but over a chess-board. Louis Blanc and Naquet are about equally strong in chess, but he avoids accepting the challenges of the latter, whose political fervour makes him shake his head and frown Gambetta's forte is while. He used to play high at the card-tables of his friend, the late M. Edmond Adam, and he lost with a good grace, when he did lose. There was not fond of games of any kind. There was no billiard-table in his house, and I never saw the card-tables open in his room. His great house was that with visitors who dropped in. Grévy, whom he wished to succeed him, is a man of dry manner, a vigorous logician, a good public speaker, but without conversational tact, though not devoid of sociability or wit. It flashed from him when an opportunity arises for making a point. His stories, too, which have a Joe Miller flavour, are neatly told, very funny, slightly glib, and original. Though a man of few words, he has a great deal to say. Grévy shuns most at dinner-parties to which young married ladies have not been invited. In common with most Frenchmen, he thinks it no harm to treat married women as *chambres garnies*. André Gill, the clever caricaturist, was asked the other day by Grévy how with a stroke of his pencil, he could say "the electoral period is open." In a moment the artist produced a sketch of France in a very *dégradé* attitude—a fact, running forward, her lips distended, and a foot raised to kick the coat-tails of Marshal of France. As the illustrious soldier's back is shown, we can only guess his face. M. André Gill has not presented his drawing to the Board of Censure. Should Grévy supersede MacMahon, which to be frank, I do not see how he can, language will not be banished from the Elysée, however much Republican virtues may be preached by example there. Grévy inhabits a suite of rooms on a fourth floor (third above the entrance) behind the Credit-Populaire. They are handsomely, without being showy, furnished. Some rare prints are on the walls, and the people on the other. To avoid visiting for Mr. Dusey, the unpopular people above. This area seats rise far above the brink of the space occupied by the orchestra to the level of the Prince's Gallery, so that every seat faces the stage, and commands a full view of it. As the seats spread out like a fan from below upwards, it is obvious that there must be a large vacant space along the shorter sides, in the innermost. Two pairs of brightly-polished boxes stand beside his however, broken by a division into bays separated by Corinthian columns supporting entablatures. Over these entablatures and around the pillars are placed the gas lamps—few in number, because during the performances the houses are kept in darkness save for the light reflected from the stage. As the reef is low, and the distance from the stage to the opposite side not great, one is struck on entering with the apparent smallness of the place. In a little while, however, the width of audience asserts itself, and it is possible to believe in the accommodation of some 1,500 people. Regarding the arrangements behind the curtain, I cannot speak, but the working of the stage at the rehearsal on Wednesday night was so perfect that reports of admirable ingenuity may be credited without reserve. The rapidity, silence, and smoothness with which the various changes were made contrasted most favourably with the up-and-downness which the spectators are so often called upon to notice, while the absence from view of all such executive machinery as orchestra, prompter, and footlights, made the drama intensely real to the audience, who seemed indeed to be "assisting" at it in a very forcible sense of the term—*"Letters from Bayreuth,"* by J. Bennett.

## GOOD STORY ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

While speaking of Americans, let me tell you a capital story which although it should hardly come under the title of an *Epitaph* over the grave of Abraham Lincoln, the representative of the Union, is nevertheless a good one. It is told by a man who is well known and quite true. On the happy occasion of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales being confined of Prince Albert Victor, Lord Lyons went to the White House to formally announce the auspicious event to President Lincoln. Our Minister always had the greatest personal regard for old Abe, appreciated thoroughly the wisdom and shrewd knowledge of men that he had, and so was received with the same courtesy as the Prince of Wales. He comes from the French Jura, which has the ruggedness of the Alps without their clefts. As the reef is low, and the distance from the stage to the opposite side not great, one is struck on entering with the apparent smallness of the place. In a little while, however, the width of audience asserts itself, and it is possible to believe in the accommodation of some 1,500 people. Regarding the arrangements behind the curtain, I cannot speak, but the working of the stage at the rehearsal on Wednesday night was so perfect that reports of admirable ingenuity may be credited without reserve. The rapidity, silence, and smoothness with which the various changes were made contrasted most favourably with the up-and-downness which the spectators are so often called upon to notice, while the absence from view of all such executive machinery as orchestra, prompter, and footlights, made the drama intensely real to the audience, who seemed indeed to be "assisting" at it in a very forcible sense of the term—*"Letters from Bayreuth,"* by J. Bennett.

## THE LOSS OF THOR'S HAMMER.

You may think with what surprise and anger Thor awoke one morning to find his famous hammer missing. Seizing for Loki, he asked him whether he had any idea who the thief could be. Loki immediately suspected that one of the giants, who were really only brutes, were responsible, though he was not sure. He then began his formal announcement of the safe confinement of the future Queen of England. At first the President did not appear to pay any attention, or even to understand the nature of the announcement being made to him, but by degrees the truth seemed to dawn upon him, and he asked him whether he had any idea who the thief could be. Loki immediately suspected that one of the giants, who were really only brutes, were responsible, though he was not sure. He then began his formal announcement of the safe confinement of the future Queen of England. 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